

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Rolf ECKMILLER

Appl. No.: Not yet assigned

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For: RETINAL IMPLANT WITH  
IMPROVED IMPLANTATION  
AND WORKING PROPERTIES

Art Unit: Not yet assigned

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fees, please amend the specification and the claims as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On Page 1, please insert the following as a new paragraph following the title:

**Cross-Reference to Related Application**

This application is related to and draws priority from German Application No.

10154700.5, filed on November 9, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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Applicant(s): ECKMILLER  
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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 5 and 6 as follows:

5. (Amended) Implant according to claim 1, characterised in that the sclera (9) is penetrated by a cannula (12) which is used for feeding an electrical cable (10) through.

6.(Amended) Implant according to claim 1, characterised in that a functional unit (8) implanted outside the eye, which is designed to carry out signal processing functions, is provided.

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**Remarks**

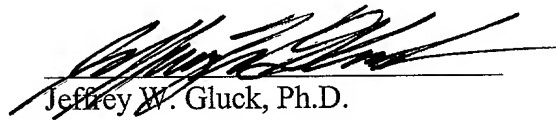
Applicant has added a new paragraph to the specification in order to satisfy the requirements for claiming priority from his prior German application.

Applicant has also amended claims 5 and 6 to eliminate multiple dependencies.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

5. (Amended) Implant according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that the sclera (9) is penetrated by a cannula (12) which is used for feeding an electrical cable (10) through.

6.(Amended) Implant according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that a functional unit (8) implanted outside the eye, which is designed to carry out signal processing functions, is provided.